

## Election of President-Elect, Regional Directors-at-Large, and Members-at-Large

**Y**our vote is more important than ever! It is my pleasure to announce that the IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS) annual election commenced on 15 August 2019. Beginning this year, all eligible SPS members will now vote for the next president-elect (the term is 1 January 2020 through 31 December 2021) in addition to the regional directors-at-large for Regions 7, 9, and 10 (term 1 January 2020 through 31 December 2021) and members-at-large (term 1 January 2020 through 31 December 2022) of the IEEE SPS Board of Governors (BoG).

Ballots will be mailed to SPS members. Each ballot includes a diverse slate of candidates (who were vetted by the SPS Nominations and Appointments Committee) for all elections as well as a space for write-in candidates. This year's election offers SPS members the

opportunity to cast their votes via the web at <https://eballot4.votenet.com/IEEE> for up to one president-elect, one regional director-at-large for your corresponding Region, Regions 7 and 9 (Canada and Latin America) and Region 10 (Asia and Pacific), and three member-at-large candidates. Ballots must be received at the IEEE no later than 1 October 2019 to be counted. Members must meet the eligibility requirements at the time the ballot data are generated to be eligible to vote. To be eligible to vote in this year's Society election, you had to have been an active SPS member, affiliate, or graduate student member as of 30 June 2019. This is the date when the list of eligible Society voting members was compiled.

The candidates for president-elect are

- V. John Mathews
- Athina P. Petropulu.

The candidates for regional director-at-large are

- *Regions 7 and 9*
  - Charles Casimiro Cavalcante
  - Timothy Norman Davidson
- *Region 10*
  - Kin-Man Lam
  - Wing-Kin (Ken) Ma.

The candidates for member-at-large are

- Eric Fosler-Lussier
- Pascale Fung
- Fa-Long Luo
- Marc Moonen
- Patrick A. Naylor
- Roxana Saint-Nom
- Bjoern W. Schuller
- Gaurav Sharma.

The BoG is the governing body that oversees the activities of the SPS. The SPS BoG has the responsibility of establishing and implementing policy and receiving reports from its standing boards and committees and comprises 22 Society members: the president and president-elect who are elected by the

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#### Regions 7 and 9



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#### Region 10



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**FIGURE 2.** The aim of the ADAPT project is to develop affordable technologies that can be added to wheelchairs to give wheelchair users more independence and a better quality of life. (Source: University of Kent; used with permission.)

Sirlantzis is looking forward to the widespread deployment of 5G cellular wireless technology. “By increasing the speed of wireless and mobile communication, and reducing latency, 5G technology opens a wide range of possibilities for enhancing the quality of life and well-being of people with disabilities,” he observes. “It can, for example, improve accessibility by providing visual and navigation information about routes, and accessibility options and services available to specific buildings or urban locations,” he notes.

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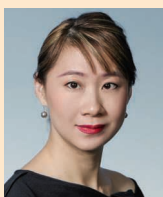


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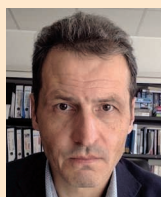
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voting members of the Society, five vice president officers of the Society who are elected by the BoG, nine members-at-large elected by the voting members of the Society, four regional directors-at-large elected locally by Society voting members of the corresponding Region,

as well as the Awards Board chair. The seven officers are the president, president-elect, the vice president-Conferences, vice president-Education, vice president-Membership, vice president-Publications, and vice president-Technical Directions. The executive director

of the Society shall serve ex-officio, without vote.

The president-elect is an IEEE SPS member elected by the Society’s membership via the annual election, to serve as an officer and as a voting member on the Society’s BoG, executive committee, Conferences Board, Education Board, Membership Board, and Publications Board. The president-elect position automatically succeeds to president.

Regional directors-at-large are SPS members who are elected locally by Society voting members of their corresponding Region via the annual election to serve on the Society’s BoG as nonvoting and voting members of the Society’s Membership Board.

Members-at-large represent the member viewpoint in the board’s decision making. They typically review, discuss, and act upon a wide range of items affecting the actions, activities, and health of the Society. More information on the IEEE SPS can be found at <https://signalprocessingsociety.org/>.

